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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY -- JULY 29

1. PRESIDENTIAL TRIP. PRAVDA CARRIES A BRIEF TASS ITEM ON THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL IN WARSAW. MOST OF ITEM IS DEVOTED TO GIEREK'S REMARKS IN WELCOMING STATEMENT ON CSCE. PRESIDENT IS QUOTED AS EXPRESSING U.S. INTEREST AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH POLAND.

2. OTHER BILATERAL. IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON (BARSUKOV) REPORTS ON POST-LANDING APOLLO ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HEALTH OF ASTRONAUTS IN HONOLULU HOSPITAL. IZVESTIYA REPLAYS PORTIONS OF A RECENT NEWSWEEK ARTICLE ON BRIBERY BY U.S. CORPORATIONS ABROAD. IN MONTHLY IZVESTIYA INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY POLITICAL OBSERVER MATVEYEV SAYS BOTH APOLLO-SOYUZ AND CSCE HELSINKI SUMMIT "CONTAIN ALL THAT IS POSITIVE AND QUALITATIVELY NEW WHICH HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE CHARACTER OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS AND WHICH IS DEFINED IN BROAD TERMS AS A RELAXATION OF TENSIONS." MATEYEV CONTINUES THAT "DETENTE IS BEARING GOOD FRUIT AND CAN, INDEED SHOULD, BRING EVEN GREATER GAIN FOR ALL PEOPLES. THIS IS NOT SIMPLY HIGH HOPES BUT THE LIVING REALITY OF OUR DAY." IN COMMENTARIES IN KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA, G. OGANOV HERALDS CSCE AS "A CRITICAL CHANGE IN THE VERY NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS" WHICH WILL MAKE DETENTE "IRREVERSIBLE". HE GOES ON TO DTATE THAT CSCE SHOULD MAKE EUROPE "AN AREA OF STABLE PEACE". ON THE OTHER HAND, OGANOV SAYS THAT U.S. SECDEF REMARKS ON THE U.S. USE OF ATOMIC WEAPONS WERE NOT "HYPOTEHTICAL" BUT INCLUDED "CONCRETE DIRECTIVES TO USAF AND ROCKET (SIC) UNITS". OGANOV ADDS, HOWEVER, THAT SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENTS WERE "REBUFFED PRACTICALLY WVERYWHERE IN THE WETIWC-&3. CSCE. MATVEYEV COMMENTARY NOTED ABOVE ALSO RECOUNTS HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIE PROPOSAL FOR CSCE AND CONCLUDES THAT SUMMONING OF THE CONFERENCE DEVELOPED NATURALLY FROM CHANGES WHICH HAVE COME ABOUT IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN EUROPE IN RECENT YEARS. IN DEFENSE OF DETENTE, MATVEYEV CHIDES THOSE IN WEST WHO UNCLASSIFIED

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USE DETENTE AS SCAPEGOAT FOR ALL FAILINGS IN THE WEST. "THE UNFAVORABLE SITUATION ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF NATO IN THE DISTORTED MIRROR OF SUCH PROPAGANDA APPEARS AS AN 'EXAMPLE' OF SUCH ONESIDED ACTIONS IN THE PROCESS OF DETENTE FROM WHICH IT IS SAID ONLY THE SOVIET UNION WINS. THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN PROTUGAL IS PICTURED NO LESS TENDENTIOUSLY." IT IS CLEAR MATVEYEV CONTINUES, THAT "THE PROCESS OF DETENTE CANNOT LEAD TO

A 'FREEZING' OF SOCIAL CHANGE." A PRAVDA COMMENTARY BY YURI ZHUKOV SAYS THAT CSCE WAS MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN POWER AND SOLIDARITY OF THE COMMUNIST STATES OF EUROPE; BECAUSE PEACELOVING EUROPEANS IN ALL COUNTRIES WORKED WITH THE COMMUNIST STATES IN THIS ENDEAVOR; AND BECAUSE "COMMON SENSE" BEGAN TO PREDOMINATE IN THE RULING CIRCLES OF THE WEST. PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS EXGENSIVELY ON INTERNATIONAL PRESS COMMENTARY ON CSCE. LONDON PAPERS (TIMES, TRIBUNE, AND MORNING STAR) ARE ALL QUOTED AS SEEING BENEFIT FROM THE HELSINKI SUMMIT. EASTERN EUROPEAN NEWSPAPERS ARE QUOTED AT LENGTH. A TASS ITEM IN PRAVDA REPORTS ON BRANDT'S SUPPORT FOR CSCE SUMMIT AS MADE EVIDENT IN INTERVIEW WITH DEUTSCHLANDFUNK. U.S. REACTION TO CSCE IS REPORTED BY PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT VASILYEV FROM WASHINGTON. VASILYEV QUOTES DONALD KENDALL AND DAILY WORLD AS SUPPORTING HELSINKI SUMMIT AND ATTACKS GOVERNOR REAGAN, SENATOR JACKSON AND OTHERS FOR CRITICISM OF U.S. DETENTE POLICIES.

4. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. MATVEYEV IN IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY QUOTES APPROVINGLY LONDON OBSERVER STATEMENT WHICH SUPPORTS PARTICIPATION BY THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN A SEARCH FOR "A MORE STABLE AND MORE JUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND MINETARY SYSTEM." MATVEYEV CONTINUES THAT "AS FAR AS THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST STATES ARE CONCERNED, THEY ARE NOT IN THE LEAST INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CHAOS, IN THE DISORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, OR IN ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN THE WEST, THE WHOLE BURDEN OF WHICH RESTS ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE WORKERS AND WHICH BRINGS NO LITTLE DAMAGE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES...."

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5. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA BRIEFLY REPORTS SADAT'S
REMARKS IN KHARTOUM THAT EGYPT'S ARMED FORCES ARE ON
ALERT, AND THAT DESPITE CAIRO'S EXTENSION OF THE
UNEF MANDATE, ISRAEL REFUSES TO FULFILL UNSC RESOLUTIONS.
PRAVDA COMMENTS THAT, ACCORDING TO THE WESTERN PRESS,
ISRAEL HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY REJECTED EGYPT'S
LATEST DISENGAGEMENT PROPOSALS, AND IS PROMOTING ITS

OWN COUNTER-PROPOSALS. IZVESTIYA REPORTS THE CONCLUSION OF THE ARAB SOCIALIST UNION CONGRESS IN CAIRO, AND MENTIONS THE CONGRESS' EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE SOVIET UNION AND ALL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF "THE ARABS' JUST CAUSE."

6. PORTUGAL. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL NEWS LEADER REPORTS THE ASSUMPTION OF AUTHORITY BY THE NEW TRIUMVIRATE. STORIES CONTRAST ALLEGED WIDESPREAD POPULAR APPROVAL FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT -- SPECIFICALLY CITING RESOLUTION OF TRADE UNION CONGRESS MEETING -- WITH THE SOCIALIST PARTY'S STATEMENT OPPOSING THE AFM ASSEMBLY DECISIONS. A SEPARATE VIENNA-DATED TASS ITEM SUMMARIZES AN INTERVIEW WITH CUNHAL IN THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PAPER VOLKSTIMME. CUNHAL IS QUOTED AS DENYING PCP SUPPORT FOR A "NEW DICTATORSHIP" IN PORTUGAL.

7. SOUTHEAST ASIA. PRAVDA'S COMMENTARY REPEATS EARLIER SOVIET APPROVAL FOR THE KHUKRIT-MARCOS COMMUNIQUE'S CALL FOR GRADUAL DISSOLUTION OF SEATO. PRAVDA NOTES THAT THE SEATO AGREEMENT WAS ALSO SIGNED IN MANILA AND CHARGES THAT SEATO BECAME ONE OF THE ELEMENTS OF "IMPERIALIST" POLICY IN ASIA. THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION NOW SEEK INDEPENDENCE AND GOOD-NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS, SAYS PRAVDA, AND EVEN THE U.S. SHOULD WELCOME THIS PROCESS. IZVESTIYA'S MONTHLY REVIEW ALSO REPORTS APPROVINGLY THE THAI AND PHILIPPINE DECISIONS TO REEXAMINE U.S. BASE AGREEMENTS. IZVESTIYA CHARGES THAT PEKING SUPPORTS THE PRESENCE OF THE "IMPERIALISTS," AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE, AND CONCLUDES BY ENDORSING ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY.

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8. CHINA. PRAVDA REPORTS THAT THE PRC LAUNCHED ITS THIRD EARTH SATELLITE.

9. AFRICA. MAJOR DAILIES FRONT-PAGE A MESSAGE FROM PODGORNYY AND KOSYGIN TO THE OAU MEETING IN KAMPALA. THE MESSAGE STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CSCE, FOR ALL STATES. PAPERS ALSO REPORT THE OPENING IN KAMPALA OF THE OAU MEETING AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. STORIES, HOWEVER, MAKE NO REFERENCE TO IDI AMIN'S ADDRESS. MAJOR PAPERS REPORT REVERSES FOR THE MPLA IN ANGOLA. THE FNLA, WHICH IS PILLORIED AS THE TOOL OF MONOPOLY CAPITAL AND REACTION, IS REPORTED AS HAVING REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF LUANDA. FNLA LEADER ROBERTO IS QUOTED AS CLAIMING HIS FORCES INTEND TO WAGE TOTAL WAR TO SEIZE CONTROL OF ANGOLA'S GOVERNMENT.

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